INTEX'95, GARTEX'95, IMPACT'96, Indian Handicrafts and Gifts Fair, World Book Fair'96 WISITEX'96, TRADEX Exhb., India Intech Mart, Auto Expo'96, Carpet Fair '96, Glass Processing and Glazing, Ukraine in India, and CYMO INDIA'96.

Similarly, ITPO participated in 19 general foreign fairs, 16 specialised commodity events and 3 Indian exhibitions. They are : Nantes International Fair, Consumer Expo Kazakhstan, Overseas Import Fair 'Partners for Progress' Berlin, International Modern living Exhibition, Tel-Aviv, Damascus International Fair, Damascus, Expohogar-International Gift and Housewares Show, Barcelona, Zagreb International Autumn Fair, Nairobi International Show, Tehran International Fairs, Saitex'95, South Africa, World Tech'95 Thailand? Quang Trung International Fair, Vietnam, Saudi Arabia's International Trade Fair, Jaddah, Konsumexpo'96, Moscow, Ghana International Trade Fair, Annual Spring Fair, Basel, Expocomer International Fair, Panama, Kuwait International Fair, Overseas, Import Fair, Berlin, International Food and Drink Exhibition, London, Australia's International Engineering Exhibition, PUMPS and SYSTEMS ASEAN'95, Jakarta, National Hardware Show, Chicago Pret-A-Porter Fair, Paris, International Exhibition of Bicycles and Motorcycles, Italy, International Leather Week, Paris, Chem Asia'95 Singapore, ANUGA Food Fair, Germany, Interkama Dusseldoff, Gifts and Fashion Fair Muscat, Domotex Fair, Hannover, Heimtextile Fair 96 Paris, International Hardware Fair'96 Germany, TCF International'96, Australia, Indian Exhibition 1995 Lusaka, Indian Exhibition 1995, Tashkent and Indian Exhibition 1996, Jakarta.

(b) An expenditure amounting to Rs. 18.33 crores has been incurred by ITPO on the establishment and maintenance of Pragati Maidan Complex during 1995-96.

(c) A total income to the tune of Rs. 56.64 crores is likely to be generated by ITPO through organisation of trade fairs during the current year.

(d) and (e). ITPO has not leased out any space on long-term basis for non-promotional purposes.

[Translation]

Cases Pending in District Courts of U.P.

2133 PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that Civil Criminal Dowry cases and most of the cases concerned with the land of rural society are under consideration for several years in Mathura district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the judiciary system has become inactive;

(c) whether the Government propose to take any concrete step to bring improvement in the judicial procedure in Mathura district;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) As per available information, as on 31.3.1995, 43813 cases were pending in all the Civil and Criminal Courts of Mathura District.

(b) No, Sir. The pendency of cases is due to various complex factors including inadequate Courts, increased institution and also due to some cases stayed by the higher Courts.

(c) to (e). Administration of Justice in the District/Subordinate Courts comes under the purview of concerned High Courts/State Governments. In order to consider the problem of arrears of cases in courts and to find out ways and means to deal with it as expeditiously as possible, a meeting of the Chief Ministers and Chief Justices was held on 4th December, 1993 under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister. The conference recommended several steps in a resolution it adopted for the speedy disposal of cases in the Courts/Tribunals. This resolution has been commended to all the State Governments/UT Administrations and High Courts/Tribunals for necessary action. The Administration of Justice has been made a plan item with a view to remove infrastructural bottlenecks coming in the way of expeditious disposal of cases in Courts.

Members of BIFR

2134. SHRI ISWAR PRASANNA HAZARIKA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Chairmen and Members, present and former, of the Bureau of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction since its constitution;

(b) the number out of them who possessed direct hand-on experience to manage industries and financial institutions;

(c) the number of those who are retired IAS officers; and

(d) the number of cases referred to BIFR since its inception and how many of them have been settled for private and public sector companies, separately?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The total number of Chairman and Members (present and former) of the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) since its inception is 22 (3 Chairmen and 19 Members).

(b) The Chairman and Members of the BIFR are appointed in accordance with the provisions of Sub-section 3 of Section 4 of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985.

(c) Eight persons who were Members of Indian Administrative Service have been appointed (presently and formerly) as Chairman/Members of BIFR at different times.

(d) The total number of references registered with BIFR since its inception and their disposal as on 31st October, 1996 are as under :

	Public Sector	Private Sector	Total
References registered	143	1688	1831
References disposed off	93	1379	1472

Promotion of Traditional Industries

2135. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to promote traditional industries of Kerala including coir and cashewnut;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b). The Government have been implementing several schemes for promoting traditional industries of Kerala including Coir and Cashewnut. The existing plan schemes aim at promotion of R & D, modernisation, elimination of drudgery and pollution, expansion of domestic market and export for the promotion and development of Coir Industry in the country. Assistance is also being provided to the State for implementation of the Integrated Coir Development Projects through the Cooperatives.

As regards development of Cashewnut, Ministry of Agriculture are implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Cashewnut in Kerala with an outlay of Rs. 5.91 crores in the VIII Five Year Plan. This schemes includes new plantation development with clones of high yielding varieties, replanting old, senile and uneconomical Cashew gardens with clones of quality planting materials, adoption of intensive pest control measures for Cashew production, adoption of comprehensive production technologies for Cashew, generation of clones and establishment or regional nurseries, farmers training programme on Cashew production technology and development of model clonal garden.

(c) Does not arise.

Trade Relation with Australia

2136. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Australia has expressed its keenness to expand trade relation with India; and

(b) if so, the details of areas identified for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Australia has shown interest in promoting exports in agri-business, telecommunications, automotive components, mining, coal, environmental management, surface transport and energy. The Joint Business Council held on 4th November, 1996 has identified the following commodities for export promotion from India to Australia :

> Plantation, agricultural, marine and food products; chemicals and related products; leather and leather goods, footwear and travel goods; textiles, clothing and made-ups; engineering goods and manufactures and gems and jewellery.

Balance Sheets of Public Sector Undertakings

2137. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have issued notices to the Public Sector Undertakings to submit their balance sheets;

(b) the number of Public Sector Undertakings have been prosecuted so far for delaying finalisation and publication of balance sheets; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) In terms of Section 220 of the Companies Act, 1956, every company is required to file its Balance Sheet and its Profit and Loss Account with the concerned Registrar of Companies within the time-limit specified therein. These provisions equally apply to Public Sector Undertakings which have been incorporated as Companies (i.e. as Government Companies) under the Companies Act.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The need for timely finalisation of accounts and compliance of statutory provisions by the Government companies has been impressed upon the concerned administrative authorities regularly in respect of such companies which are under their administrative control.